**Project for tackling disasters**

464. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conceived an ambitious project to tackle natural disasters on the lines of US Government's health efforts in war-torn areas, as reported in the Indian Express, dated 6th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of this project;

(c) whether this state-of-the-art mobile hospital would be self-sufficient in supplying emergency health services, water, electricity and food to the victims of natural or man-made disasters; and

(d) the agency which is coordinating this and the time by which this mobile hospital would be put in operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) A proposal to procure a pre-fabricated, self-contained, container based mobile hospital is under consideration of the Government.

**TB control plan**

†465. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for no reduction in the number of deaths due to Tuberculosis even after availability of complete and fast treatment facility through multi-therapy system;

(b) whether persons engaged in controlling Tuberculosis are not dedicated to their work and not taking it as a mission; and

(c) the number of deaths and patients during this year as compared to last year along with the details of plan to control T.B., State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) currently covering about 480 million population, deaths have reduced to about 4% of the patients as compared to about 25% estimated earlier.

(b) No, Sir. The treatment success rate of 80% of new sputum positive cases under RNTCP as compared to less than 40% earlier has resulted due to sincere implementation of the RNTCP.

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